

Faith Christian Fellowship
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Don't Give up The Ghost! 5
Decently and in Order

TEXT: Acts 19:1-7 / 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 / 1 Corinthians 14:31-33,40

We began walking out into the supernatural realm describe so vividly by the Apostle Paul. We talked a bit last time about the 5 manifestations that are really hard to fake. We said that we as a body ought to desire, recognize, and order the flow of all gifts through whoever God chooses to use. Today we begin to delve into how we order that flow. First we need to define the 4 gifts that Paul took time to address specifically.

♥ The four vocal problems: "Is it God or just Sister Soliloquy?"

➤ Prophecy

- Definition: Supernatural, inspired utterance in a known language. (This is not the office of the Prophet. No foretelling involved)
 - Hebrew: to flow forth, to bubble forth like a fountain
 - Greek: to speak for another
- 1 Corinthians 14:3. The simple gift of prophecy is always used for Edification, Exhortation, and Comfort:
- Prophecy in Romans 12:6. There will be those who are consistently able to speak by the inspiration of the Spirit.

➤ Discerning of spirits

- Definition: Supernatural insight into events in the spirit realm; seeing into the realm of the spirit. This is the classical Pentecostal (Howard Carter) definition.
- Examples: Revelation 1:10-20 / 2 Kings 6:17 / Acts 16:18 / Acts 13:9,10 Paul saw the condition of a human spirit.

➤ Discerning is the Greek word "*diakrisis*" which means to judge between, to distinguish, to dispute, or to discern a difference." It seems clear this gift has to do with determining the source of activity in the spirit realm. It may refer to demons, angels, or men. Note other uses: 1 Cor 6:5 / 1 Cor 11:31 / 1 Cor 14:29

- Its position in our list indicates it is to serve a role in our services when the gift of prophecy is in manifestation. The source of every utterance must be judged or discerned.

➤ Tongues and Interpretation of Tongues

- Definitions:
 - Tongues: supernatural, inspired utterance in a language not known to the speaker
 - Interpretation: supernatural utterance giving the sense of an utterance in tongues in a language familiar to the hearers
- In the congregation, Tongues + Interpretation = Prophecy 1 Corinthians 14:5

♥ 1 Cor 14 Paul's instruction on Holy Ghost etiquette.

➤ 1 Corinthians 14:26-28 Tongues and interpretation

➤ 1 Corinthians 14:29-33 Prophecy

- All should be done one at a time to maintain order.
- See V.32 in Amplified Bible. The speaker is able to control his utterance and give it when he is recognized or hold it if he is not.

♥ The summation: 1 Corinthians 14:37-40

➤ This chapter is a command. V.38 If anyone ignores this ordering of the gifts of utterance, you must not recognize him. (See AMP)

➤ Every believer can and should seek to prophesy.

➤ It is unscriptural to forbid to speak in tongues.

➤ The goal is only to maintain order for the purpose of intelligibility leading to edification. The specific method is left up to the leader of the local body.

- There must be someone in every service designated as the authority. We must test every utterance and hold fast to what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21.
- God is playing a symphony. The baton in the Conductor's hand, is called "an interpreter."
- In our services. We look to leadership to interpret – explain for the ignorant and unbelieving (v23) and order the gifts so as to make sure everyone is edified –

Let all things be done decently and in order.

1 Corinthians 14:40